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SUBJECT: DATA ON SPEED LIMIT/HIGHWAY FATALITIES

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1. PRIOR TO THE 1974 ENERGY CRISIS THERE WAS NO SPEED LIMIT ON MOST GREEK HIGHWAYS. DURING THE CRISIS A LIMIT OF 80 KMH WAS IMPOSED BUT IT WAS RAISED TO 100 KMH IN 1975

2. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO SPECIFIC STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF THE SPEED LIMIT ON ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, GREEK STATISTICS SHOW TOTAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT FATALITIES AS FOLLOWS: 1968 - 684; 1969 - 726; 1970 - 832; 1971 - 794; 1972 - 811; 1973 - 930; 1974 - 821
COMPARING THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 1974 WITH SEVEN MONTHS 1975 (LATEST FIGURES AVAILABLE), FATALITIES HAVE RISEN FROM 441 TO 576
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